

Application No. : 10/603,426
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REMARKS

The issue raised in the Office Action is the requirement for restriction of examination of the application to one of two groups of claims identified by the Examiner. More particularly, the Examiner identified Group I consisting of Claims 1-11 and 19-20 and Group II consisting of Claims 12-18. In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Applicant provisionally elects Claims 1-11 and 19-20 (i.e., Group I) for examination and cancels Claims 12-18 without prejudice.

Since the Applicant has responded to the requirement for restriction and has made the required election, the Applicant submits that the application is now in order for action on the merits. If the Examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of the elected claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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